

1. A fishhook, comprising:
  - a) an elongated shank having a hook member at one end, and
  - b) a reversely bent portion of said shank adjacent the opposite end of the hook member forming an inner space and a flared open end portion for receiving a fishing line member transversely therethrough and into said inner space.
- 5 2. The fishhook of claim 1 wherein the flared open end portion is resilient and is configured for enabling substantially closing of the space between said flared open end portion and the adjacent shank portion of the fishhook for retaining a fishing line within said space.
3. The fishhook of claim 1 wherein the resilient flared open end portion is configured for wrapping a portion of a fishing line adjacent the hook member around the reversely bent portion to secure the fishing line therein.
4. The fishhook of claim 1 wherein the reversely bent end portion includes laterally projecting reversely bent anchor segments for wrapping a portion of a fishing line around said segments.
- 5 5. The fishhook of claim 1 wherein the fishhook includes an eyelet at the end of the shank opposite the hook member, and an adapter member having a flared open end portion and a spiral coil section adjacent the opposite end, the spiral coil section being configured for reception through the eyelet and then encircling the adjacent portion of the shank for attachment to the fishhook.
6. The fishhook of claim 1 wherein the flared open end portion is

resilient and is configured for enabling closing of the space between said flared open end portion and the adjacent shank portion of the fishhook for retaining a fishing line within said space, the resilient flared open end portion being configured for  
5 wrapping a portion of a fishing line adjacent the hook member around the reversely bent portion to secure the fishing line therein.

7. The method of securing a fishing line to the fishhook of claim 1, comprising:

- a) passing an end portion of the fishing line through said flared opening and into said space,
- 5 b) wrapping the fishing line around said reversely bent portion and the confronting portion of the shank, and
- c) passing the fishing line adjacent said wrapped portion through said flared open end portion of the hook member to secure the wrapped portion to the fishhook.

8. The method of securing a fishing line to the fishhook of claim 1, comprising:

- a) tying a knot in the fishing line adjacent one end thereof,
- b) drawing the knot in the fishing line into abutment with the reversely  
5 bent portion,
- c) wrapping the fishing line around said reversely bent portion and the confronting portion of the shank, and

d) passing the fishing line adjacent said wrapped portion through said flared open end portion of the hook member to secure the wrapped portion to the fishhook.

9. The method of securing a fishing line to the fishhook of claim 4, comprising:

- a) passing an end portion of the fishing line through said flared opening and into said space,
- 5 b) wrapping the fishing line around one of said laterally projecting reversely bent anchor segments,
- c) wrapping the fishing line around the other of said laterally projecting reversely bent anchor segments,
- d) wrapping the fishing line around said reversely bent portion and the  
10 confronting portion of the shank, and
- e) passing the fishing line adjacent said wrapped portion through said flared open end portion of the hook member to secure the wrapped portion to the fishhook.